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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS IN REMARKS PRIME
MINISTER CARAMANLIS MADE AT THE AIRPORT IN RESPONSE TO
PRESS QUESTIONS JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE YESTERDAY
(MARCH 9) FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING AT MONTREUX WITH TURKISH
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PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT:
-- SPECTACULAR RESULTS SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED FROM THE
SUMMIT
-- SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED;
INSTEAD AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL PROCEDURES WILL BE SOUGHT
-- IF THE PROPER PROCEDURE AND A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL TRUST
CAN BE ESTABLISHED, THEY WILL BE A GREAT STEP FORWARD

-- THERE IS NO PROBLEM WHICH CANNOT BE SOLVED IF GOODWILL AND
GOOD FAITH PREVAIL

-- HE DID NOT BELIEVE ECEVIT PROPOSED THE SUMMIT IN ORDER TO
CREATE "IMPRESSIONS" WHICH WOULD FACILITATE THE LIFTING OF
THE ARMS EMBARGO. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, FALSE IMPRESSIONS
CAN LEAD TO RESULTS OTHER THAN THOSE INTENDED.

-- THE EMBARGO, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO THE CYPRUS
ISSUE, A PROBLEM WHICH IS BEING HANDLED BY THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT
AND NOT BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

-- PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY CAN BE
RESTORED SO LONG AS THE CAUSES WHICH HAD DISTURBED THEIR
RELATIONS WERE REMOVED. RATIONAL MEN IN BOTH COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE
THE USEFULNESS AND THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH COOPERATION.
CARAMANLIS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTED STATEMENTS BY
ECEVIT CONCERNING THE FORTIFICATION OF THE GREEK ISLANDS
IN THE AEGEAN, BUT SAID THAT NO COUNTRY CAN BE EXPECTED
TO SURRENDER ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE.
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